Prince-Protecting PROVIDENCES:

OR, A

COLLECTION

OF SOME

Hiſtorical Paſſages,

Relating how Several

Princes and Perſonages,

(Born for Great Actions) have had Miraculous Preſervations.

Made Publick upon Occaſion of the late Memorable (and Miraculous) Deliverance of His Royal Highneſs, *JAMES*, Duke of *York*.

Numb. 23. 23. Non eſt Incantatio; non eſt Divinatio contra *Jacobum.*

Prov. 21. 30. Non eſt Concilium contra Dominum.

[*And, firſt, Some out of Sacred Writ.*]

Joſeph's Brethren conſpire his Death: *Reuben* (of all the reſt) is againſt the Bloody Cruelty; but adviſes to put him into a Pit, (as a means either to be ſtarved, or devoured by ſome Evil Beaſt.) *Judah*, afterward, adviſes to ſell him to the *Midianitiſh Merchants*; and They carry him into *Ægypt*, and ſell him to *Potiphar*, the King's Steward: Being in his Service, he has an unjuſt Accuſation framed againſt him by his Miſtriſs. He is impriſon'd; and, in Priſon, Expounding the Chief Butler and Baker's Dream, he is after made known to the King; and Expounding his Dream alſo, is made ſole Govenour over all *Ægypt*. [So to ſave, not only the *Ægyptians* from ſtarving; but alſo his *Father*, and unnatural *Brethren*.]

Moſes (when Born) is hid Three Months; then expoſed in a little Ark upon the River *Nile*: *Pharoah*'s Daughter ſpies him, cauſes him to be taken up, and Nurſed as her Son; *Heb.* 11. As a Preſage of his future being a Prince, and good Juſticier, he kills the injuring *Ægyptian*; for which *Pharaoh* ſeeks to ſlay him: He flies to *Midian*; Marries the Prieſt (or Princes) Daughter: *God* appears to him, induing him with a Spirit, working Wonders; makes him the General Conductor of the Children of *Iſrael* through the *Red-Sea*, (a miraculous Paſſage!) and afterwards inſtitutes him their Governour.

David is deliver'd from the Paws of the *Lyon* and *Bear*, from the Sword of *Goliah*, [and after of other *Philiſtines*,] from *Saul*'s Javelin, and his Lyings in wait, and continued Perſecutions, [from the Envy of the *Philiſtine Lords*]; from all theſe, to fight the *Lord*'s *Battels*, and be King of *Iſrael*, at the appointed Time.

Athaliah puts to Death all the King's Sons, except *Joaſh*; for his Aunt takes him, and hides him Six Years in great Privacy; [the Seventh Year the People riſe unanimouſly, ſlay *Athaliah*, Crown *Joaſh* King.] This was that good Prince; that Repaired the Temple, and *did that which was Good in the Sight of the Lord*; 2 King. Chap. 11. Chap. 12.

Paul, Ordained to be the great Doctor of the *Gentiles*, and to die a Martyr for the Truth at *Rome*, (the Miſtreſs of the World) is miraculouſly Converted, and as miraculouſly often-times Preſerved. *Act.* 9. a Conſpiracy being to Kill him, his Friends let him down over the Wall in a Basket. *Act.* 14. is ſtoned, and ſuppoſed to be dead. *Chap.* 16. whipped and impriſoned, with a ſucceeding Miracle. *Chap.* 18. accuſed by the *Jews*, excuſed by *Gallio*. *Chap.* 19. eſcapeth the Sedition raiſed againſt him by *Demetrius*. *Chap.* 23. delivered by the Chief Captain, from a Conſpiracy of Forty. *Chap.* 27. eſcapes Shipwrack: and laſtly, arrives at *Rome*, which was his *Terminus ad Quem*, to *Receive the Crown of Martyrdom*.

Joſephus tells us, The Divine Protection appear'd in *Titus*, the Son of *Veſpaſian*, (deſtin'd to ruin *Jeruſalem*, and ſubdue the *Jews*); before he beſieged the City, he went about to diſcover, and fell into an Ambuſcado of his Enemies: At which time (if ever) it was known, That diſpoſeth of the Moments of War, and Lives of Princes. He had neither Helmet on his Head, nor Armour on his Body, (becauſe he went not to Fight, but to diſcover,) of an infinite Number of Arrows, that were ſhot at him, not one lighted on him, but fell beſide him, or at his Horſes Feet; though the *Jews*, encouraging one another, Sallyed out, charging and re-charging him which way ſoever he turned.

Suetonius tells us, That *Auguſtus Cæſar* eſcaped a Great Danger; for one of the Chief Men among the *Gauls*, confeſſed to ſome of his Friends, That he had fully reſolved to make, as if he would have parlied with *Auguſtus*, in his Paſſage over the *Alpes*; and that at his coming within him, he would have thrown him down: but the Amiableneſs and Majeſty of the Emperour, deter'd him in the very moment. *Valerius Maximus*, lib. 9. chap. 11. maketh mention of ſuch another Treaſon intended againſt this great Prince, which was likewiſe fruſtrated.

Gabriel Fondulo, Lord of *Cremona*, confeſſed (before his Death) That he had once reſolved with himſelf, to throw down head-long from the High Tower of *Cremona*, the Emperor *Sigiſmond*, who was gone up thither, to ſee the City and Country thereabouts. But at the very Juncture and Moment, his Conſcience was affrighted: (*Hiſtoria Italica.*) All Hiſtorians ſay, He was a moſt excellent Prince: He it was, that to cure the great Schiſm in the *Papacy*, procured the *General Council* of *Conſtance*.

The Famous Emperour, *Charles the Fifth*, (born for Great Actions) eſcaped juſt ſuch a Deſigne of being thrown from the Top of the Temple of *Pantheon* in *Rome*, by a certain malevolent *Italian*; but his Heart failed him in the Nick of Time. (*Camerarius.*)

Henry the Third, Emperour, (a Famous Prince, and a Manager of great Wars) was Entertained and Lodged very ſumptuouſly by the Counteſs *Richilda*; and as ſhe was making a Requeſt to the Emperour, and he reaching his Hand to her, in token of Appeal, the Chamber-Floor ſuddenly brake under them; the Emperour fell into a Bathing-Veſſel, that was in the Room underneath, and had no Harm:

But *Bruno*, Biſhop of *Virtſbourgh*, *Alemannus*, Biſhop of *Everſbourgh*, and the *Counteſs*, were ſo bruiſed, they died in few days. (*Aventinus.*)

Frederick the Firſt, Emperour, being in St. *Peter*'s Cloyſter in *Erford*, had Occaſion to go the Privy, (ſome of Quality accompanying) ſuddenly the Floor ſunk, and the Emperour had miſcarry'd, if he had not ſuddenly taken hold of the Grates of a Window, where he hung till ſome came, and relieved him. Some Gentlemen fell to the Bottom, and periſhed; among others, *Henry* Earl of *Swartzenbourgh*, who carryed the Preſage of his Death in a common Imprecation; which was this, *If I do it not, let me die in a Privy.* [This was that Famous Emperour, ſtiled *Barbaroſſa*, (recommended to the States by his Predeceſſor *Conrade*) famous for his Wars in *Italy*, *Sicily*, and *Armenia*; and who alſo 'ſcaped a great Danger, accompanied only with one Servant; for a deſperate Fellow of a ſudden ruſhing upon him, (out of an Ambuſcado) cloſe by a River, endeavoured to caſt him in: but not prevailing, leapt himſelf into the River, and ſwam away. *Albertus Crantzius.*]

Henry the Fourth, Emperour; This famous Prince was fain to put his Hand to the Sword at Fourteen years of Age, and fought Sixty-two Battels, ere he laid down. *Aventine* writes of him, he eſcaped a great Danger, near to *Spire*; for having been by the Plotting of *Hanno*, (Arch-Biſhop of *Collen*) brought into a ſumptuous Boat, trimmed and provided to carry him away Priſoner; miſdoubting that ſome ill Turn was meant him, he caſt himſelf into the *Rhine*; where he had been drowned, but for the kind Endeavour of his Kinſman *Egbert*, who got him a Shoar.

This ſame Emperour uſed to go often to Prayers in St. *Maries* Church, in Mount *Aventine*. *Pope Gregory* the Seventh, (who carried a watchful Eye over this great Princes Actions) commanded one to take notice of the Place where he was wont to pray, and got a certain Fellow to go up upon the Top of the Church, and there upon the Beams, to place certain great Stones, which ſhould be ſo fitly laid, that with the leaſt touch they ſhould fall down upon the Emperour's Head, and brain him at their Fall. The Villain went ſo haſtily to work, that as he thought to have rowled down a very great Stone, the ſaid Stone (with his weight) drew him too: So that Man and Stone came down together upon the Temple-floor; where the Man was killed with the Stone that fell upon him, and the Emperour eſcaped. The good Emperour notwithſtanding, would have the Wretch to be buried.

Bodin tells of a certain Gentleman of *Normandy*, who once reſolved to have killed King *Francis*; but the Divine Power operating, he repented him of his wicked Purpoſe. This was that Famous *Francis*, the great Emulator of *Charles the Fifth*, and oppoſing him in all his Ambitious Undertakings.

Juſtin tells us, *Aſtyages*, upon a Dream, cauſed his Grand-Son to be delivered to *Harpagus*, to be made away; which he unwilling to do himſelf, delivers him to the King's Shepherd; he alſo unwilling to kill the Infant, expoſes him in the Woods, and afterwards finds a Bitch ſuckling of him, and defending him from Beaſts and Birds. His Wife perſwades him to expoſe her own Son, and bring up the other; which is conſented to. Thus was that great Conquerour of *Aſia* (*Cyrus*) preſerved, whoſe Birth was foretold by *Iſaiah* Three Hundred years before it happened. *Iſa.* 44. 28.

Juſtin telleth us alſo, *Gargoris* (King of the *Curetes*) his Daughter was got with with Child; he commands the Innocent to be made away: Firſt, It was expoſed in Solitary Places; and the Wild Beaſts they ſuckle it, inſtead of devouring it. Secondly, It is laid in a narrow Way, where droves of Beaſts went to, and returned from the Field; they trod not on him, but contrary, *Goats* and *Cows* ſtand ſtill, and ſuckle him. Hungry Dogs ſpare him: And caſt to Sows, they ſuckle him. Then he is caſt into the Sea, where he floats, and the Waves carry him a Shoar; and a *Hinde* nouriſhes, and brings him up. Finally, After ſometime, he is taken in a Toil, or Net, and preſented to his Grand-Father; and known by certain Marks, is proclaimed Heir, and proved an Excellent Prince.

Procus Silvius had two Sons, *Numitor* and *Amulius*; *Amulius* having chaſed his Elder Brother, *Numitor*, out of the Country, cauſed alſo his Daughter *Rhea* to become a Veſtal-Virgin; ſhe becomes great of two Sons, and delivered. Theſe *Amulius* expoſes; Fortune provides 'em for Nurſe a Shee-Wolfe, bereaved of her Whelps, and willing to have her Duggs drawn, who often ſuckles them. *Fauſtulus*,

ſtulus, the King's Shepherd, takes notice of this wond'rous Accident, and brings them up in a Country way. At length, they revenge the Injury done to *Numitor*, and reſtore him. [These Miraculouſly nouriſh't-Twins, were ordained to be Founders of the City *Rome*, (the future Lady of the World:] And ſo by an unexpected Providence, were preſerved, (as *Juſtin*, and other Authors.)

Hiero, King of *Sicily*, was a Baſtard, and expoſed by his Father *Hieroclitus*. Wanting Humane Helps, the *Bees* nouriſh him; which his Father knowing, and conſulting the *South-ſayers*, holds it for a good Omen; takes him home, and gives him agreeable Education. This was he, that ſucceeded the Great *Pyrrhus*, (in the *Sicilian* Kingdom, and of whom *Juſtin* gives a moſt Royal Character.

Homay, Queen of *Perſia*, left with Child by her Husband, at five Months end is deliver'd of a Son. The *Aſtrologers* are conven'd, who conſult the Stars, and find, He ſhould cauſe great Miſeries and Ruin to his Realms; ſo as many were of opinion, he ſhould be put to Death. The Mother would not yield to that; but cauſed him to be put in a little Cradle, encloſed within a Coffer or Ark of Wood; in which ſhe put many precious Jewels of great value; to the end, if any poor Man found him, he might the rather afford to bring him up. He was carried far from thence, upon the River *Jehun*; and was taken up by a poor Landerer, or Waſher of Linnen. He brings him up; when he was grown Great, nothing would ſerve him but the Profeſſion of Arms. He enters into the Army of his unknown Mother; performs Wonders; is brought before her; and after Queſtions aks't, is by her acknowledg'd, and ſucceeds in the Kingdom. [Exceeding all his Predeceſſors in Bounty and Wiſdom, contrary to the Opinion of the *Chaldeans* or *Aſtrologers*, who do not always Preach the Goſpel.] *Ex Chronio Perſico.*

Kozrar. King of *Perſia*, (upon a Dream) cauſed *Jazdegard*, his Grand-Son, to be carried into a Solitary and Deſart Place; expoſed to the Mercy of Wild Beaſts; where certain Herdſmen paſſing by, took him, and gave him Breeding according to their poor Quality. Coming to Age, he found means to know his Beginning; and having a Mind agreeable to his Birth, he went to Court; where he carried himſelf ſo bravely, that at length he was acknowledged for what he was; ſo as after he was made King, and Governed exceeding well.

On St. *Dunſtan's Day*, 1251. *Elianor*, the Queen, (Wife to *Henry the Third*) ſitting with her Children in a Chamber at *Windſor-Caſtle*, a marvellous Tempeſt of Thunder and Lightening beat down to Duſt the Chimney of the ſaid Chamber where they were, they receiving no harm. She was a devout and good Queen, (and the Children are ſuppoſed to be Prince *Edward*, then ſome Twelve Years old, *Edmund* Earl of *Lancaſter*, *Margaret*, after Queen of the *Scots*, *Beatrix*, afterwards Dutcheſs of *Britain*.) *Stow.*

Anno 1287. The fore-ſaid *Prince Edward*, (now become King) ſitting with the Queen together in a Chamber, a Thunder-Clap entring the Window, paſſed between them, and ſlew two of their Houſhold Servants; they remaining unhurt. *Stow.* This was that Famous *Edward*, that tamed the *Scots* and *Welch*: See *Weaver*, *pag.* 456, 457, 458, 459. During his being in the *Holy-Land*, he was wounded by a *Saracen*, with a venom'd Knife, the Poiſon whereof was ſucked out by his Queen, otherwiſe the Wound thought uncurable.

Fox the *Martyrologiſt*, in the Beginning of his Diſcourſe of this Princes Reign, has a Memorable Paſſage: That he once playing at Cheſs with a certain Souldier, ſuddenly (upon no occaſion given) roſe up, and went his way; when preſently a mighty Stone fell down from the Vault, directly upon the Place where he ſate, which had undoubtedly brained him.

Henry the Eighth, following his Hawk, leapt over a Ditch with a Pole, which broke; ſo that, if *Edmund Moody* (a Foot-man) had not leapt into the Water, and lift up the King's Head, which ſtuck in the Clay, he had been drown'd. (This Foot-man was rewarded both with Means and Arms, ſpeaking his Service done to his Prince.) And the *King* lived to perform afterwards a Deed of grand Concern.

I could mention ſome notable Deliverances of Queen *Elizabeth*; but her Sufferings and Life having been Printed not long ſince, I ſhall forbear.

But I will recite what *Camerarius* ſays concering King *James*. His words are: *We muſt not forget the Divine Protection, and miraculous Deliverance of* James *the Sixth*,

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late King of Scotland, *and Now King of* Great Britain, *upon the Fifth of* Auguſt 1660. *This Prince giving Credit to the Words and Proteſtations of* Alexander, *Brother to the Earl* Gowry, *fell into an Ambuſh, laid for him by theſe two Brethren, and other their Confederates; where, being unarm'd, and aſſaulted by two (that were intent to Murder him) he ſo defended himſelf for a while by his Royal Port, and forcible Speech, they had no Power to bind him.* And adds, *That* Andrew Hinderſon (*appointed to be the chief Aſſaſſine*) *ſeeing* Alexander, *the Earl's Brother, with his naked Ponyard threatning the King, he loſt all Courage, and fell into an exceeding Horrour and Fear*, &c.

I might mention here the **Miraculous Reſtoring** of the **Royal Family**: I ſhall only mention ſome Verſes of a *Panegyrick* to his *Royal Highneſs*, upon His *Majeſty's* late Declaration, concerning the ſaid *Duke's* Pretenſions; which Verſes hint the ſaid *Reſtauration:*

God's wond'rous Hand, after a long Exile,
Them hand in hand reduc'd to Native Iſle:
When Wiſeſt Men eſteem'd Their State forlorn,
They ſaw Them ſtated in the Land where Born.
A ſtrange Agreement They have underwent,
Sometimes of Bliſs, ſometimes of Diſcontent!
Viz. The *King* and *Duke.*

Day-Fatality, pag. 7. ſays thus of his *Royal Highneſs* his going to *Holland:*

The Gods Thy Exit *have Ordain'd; and alſo They,*
Thy Bleſt Return have 'firm'd, Born on a Lucky Day.

He adds alſo, The *Third* of *March*, the Day of his Departure, was Dedicated to St. *Maximus*, St. *Marinus*, St. *Lucius*; and ſays, *Quod hic Maximus princeps, geſtis Marinis Maxime Lucet, & alias Lucebit*; This moſt Great Prince is extreamly Illuſtrious in Sea-Matters, and ſhall yet be otherways moſt Conſpicuous.

I think the *Late Shipwrack* has made him ſo; and proves, *God* has ſet his Titular Angels over him. 'Tis true, he loſt his *Ship*: but that is like the *Snakes* caſting off his Skin, (foreboding a Renovation of Felicity.) St. *Paul* religiouſly boaſts of his Shipwrack; 2 *Cor.* 11. 25. *Thrice* (ſays he) *have I ſuffered Shipwrack:* And why may not his *Royal Highneſs* rejoyce in this Diſaſter, as St. *Paul* does *Ver.* 20. of the ſaid *Chapter?*

Great JAMES, *whom Shipwrack lately hath aſſail'd;*
But whom, Divine Protection never fail'd;
And upon whom, great Glory is entail'd;
And at whoſe Preſence, all his Foes are quail'd:
Still Truſt in Him, who is of Kings *the Shield,*
And to Good Princes, always Help doth yield.
Thoſe that preſum'd, thou wer't of God *forſaken;*
Muſt now confeſs themſelves Fools, and miſtaken.
The Malice of the Devil, Wind, and Sea,
To check Thy Fortunes, can hold forth no Plea.
Good Omens *ſtill, accompany Thy State;*
And God *himſelf forbids Diſtaſtrous Fate.*
The Malice of Thy Foes has now an End;
And They, with the loſt Frigat, downward tend.
But Thou (buoy'd up with Providence Divine,)
Shall float above, [and fear no Undermine.]

He whom the Seas did dare, but could not harm,
Need not to fear the mean Phanatick Swarm.
A Signe from Heaven has thoſe Jews *confounded,*
Whoſe Cancre once againſt Thy Face rebounded.

Tutus ſit Auguſtiſſimus Rex Carolus (*Sancti Fœlicis Feſto proſpere natus*) Celſiſſimus Illuſtriſſimus Dux Jacobus; (*Quem ſtellam Borealem ante multos annos Prædixere Vates*) *& Univerſa Stirps Regia a turba Phanatica Anti-monarchica.* [Introduct. ad Latinam Blaſoniam, *pag.* 165.]

It's remarkable, His *Royal Highneſs* Arrived ſafe at *London*, on *Saturday* the Twenty-Seventh Day of *May*, after his ſo Memorable Eſcape; which Day is Dedicated to *Venerable Bede:* A good Omen, that hence-forward the People ſhall *Eum Reſpicere & Venerari, quem non ita pridem viſi ſunt Deſpicere & Venari*; Reverence and Reſpect Him, whom ſo lately they Deſpiſed and Perſecuted.

A Book very lately Printed, (ſtiled, *Introductio ad Latinam Blaſoniam*) mentions in its *Prologue* to the *Addenda*, a Pamphlet Publiſhed upon his *Royal Highneſs*'s Return from the *Low-Countries*; whoſe Title ſhould have been, *Dux Bonis Omnibus Appellens*, or *The Swan's Welcome*. But there was a ſtrange Miſtake, not only in that, but in other Material Circumſtances; ſo that many ſuppoſe, the Printer could never have done it himſelf, but borrowed the Aſſiſtance of the *Evil Spirit*, to render it Ridiculous; and not only ſo, but the very *Duke* himſelf, and the *Loyal Artillery*.

The Explanation of the *Title* was this:

Some Remarks upon that Note-worthy Paſſage, *mentioned in the* True Domeſtick Intelligence, *Dated* Octob. 14. 1679. *concerning a Company of* Swans, *more than ordinary gathered together, at his* Royal Highneſs's *Landing.*

The Printer ſmelt he had befoul'd himſelf, with-drew his Vent, and ſmothered the far greateſt Number of them; ſo that (for ſome Reaſons) I have thought good to Reprint it; and it follows:

I Hope my *Flagellum Mercurii Antiducalis*, hath given the World ſome Satisfaction, as to my *Day-Fatality*, ſo much carp'd at by *Romes-Packet*, *Septemb.* 5. as alſo, by the *Touch of the Times*: I ſhall only ſay, That even the pure, ſincere *Cloak-party* themſelves, have taken notice of the *Fatality of Days*; for *page* 367. of the *Memoires of the Lives and Actions of* James *and* William *Dukes of* Hamilton, ſays; *That the Rout of Duke* Hamilton's *Army was received with great joy by the* Kirk-Party *in* Scotland; *who Religiouſly obſerved, That the Diviſion of the Duke's Army (which was its Ruine) was upon the* 17. *of* Auguſt; *which was the Day on which the Covenant was made; thence called by ſome,* St. Covenants Day.

But to my preſent matter.

I concluded my *Decaſtich* in the *Fatality*, with this *Engliſh Verſion*,

Great Duke, rejoyce in this Your Day of Birth;
And may ſuch Omens *ſtill increaſe Your Mirth.*

Since which Compoſition, ſome kind *Omens* have befallen His *Royal Highneſs*; as the Third of *March's Dedications*, which (though derided by the *Time-Toucher*) St. *Felix* Day, the 29*th.* Day of *May*, obſerved by the Publiſher of the *Royal Effigies*, and ſince recited by me in my late *Flagellum.* And Alſo,

Alſo, St. *Lucie's* Day, memorably obſerved by the two eminent Brethren St. *Marthes*, in the Birth of *Henry le Grand*, King of *France*; ſufficiently excuſe, allow, and protect; the words are theſe, *He was Born the 13th of December, St.* Lucies *Day; as if, by a good* Augury, *to be the Light and Ornament of the Princes of his time: A Day remarkable for the Winter Solſtice, and eſteem'd the moſt happy point of all Nativities.* Thus they.

And again, the Accidents of the *Swans* accoſting the *Duke* at his Landing.

That Birds, ſome are *Male-ominous*, ſome *Bene-ominous*, (ill or well boding) Authors give many inſtances, (and I am able my ſelf to particulariſe) I will onely mention three or four, from the Authority of others.

Charles (from His Stature called the *Little*, a Man of admirable Courage and Conduct) King of *Jeruſalem* and *Hungaria*, and many other Provinces, had at his Coronation ſeveral ill *Omens*; among many others, a multitude of *Crows* ſeated themſelves upon the Royal Palace; and immediately after his Coronation, he was traiterouſly and miſerably Maſſacred. See the fore recited Authors, in their *Genealogick Hiſtory of the Houſe of* France.

Heylen, (ſpeaking in *Chaldea*, of *Divination* or *Southſaying*) ſays, a Company of *Crows* accompanying home *Sejanus*, with great Clamours and Croakings, was deemed Fatal to that great Favourite and ſo it proved.

Ovid, *lib.* 5. of his *Metam.* in his ſtory of *Aſcalaphus*, terms the *Owl*, *Ignavus Bubo dirum mortalibus Omen.*] *Lib.* 6. he calls it, *Prophanus Bubo*; and ſays, It ſate upon the Bride-bed of *Tereus* and *Progne*, fore-boding the unluckineſs of that Marriage: So *Lib.* 10. *Funereus Bubo.* And *Lib.* 15. he terms, *Stygius Bubo.*

Triſtia mille locis Stygius dedit Omina Bubo.

Virgil. Georg. Lib. primo verſus finem. And again *Aen. Lib.* 4. The Firſt hinting the Death of *Cæſar*, the laſt of *Dido*, by divers Portents: Among the which, the *Owl* acts her Part.

Learned *Selden*, p. 36. of his Comment upon *Poly-olbion* quotes *Silius Italicus*: (*Obſeditq; frequens caſtrorum limina Bubo.*) a preſage of the *Romans* Overthrow at *Canna.*

Look the Book of Martyrs, (*ſub. H.* 5.) and you find the Pourtraict of the Council of *Conſtance*, and the ill-ominous *Owl* that appear'd there, prodigiouſly preſaging the Depoſition of Pope *John* 24. But ſee *Camerarius*, p. 244. who elegantly relates the Story, and highly praiſes the excellent Qualifications of this *Pope.*

Heylen, in the Place before recited, obſerves an *Owl* ſcreeching in the *Senate-Houſe*, was deemed Ominous to *Auguſtus.*

Mellificium Hiſtoricum ſays, Two Eagles ſat upon the Pallace-top a whole day, when *Alexander* the Great was born; which the South-ſayers averr'd, to portend the double Empire of *Europe* and *Aſia.*

A certain *Monk* foretold to *Philippicus Bordanes*, that he ſhould be Emperor, by the *Augury* of an *Eagle*, which he ſaw Shadowing the Head of the ſaid *Philippicus*, as he ſlept. (*Les Eſtats du Monde.*)

The *Romane Hiſtories* tell us, That the ſnatching off the Cap of *Tarquinius Priſcus* by an *Eagle*, and the putting of it on again, was by the *Augur* interpreted as a Preſage of his future Poſſeſſing the *Roman* Diadem.

And *Juſtin* reports, That *Hiero*, that excellent King of *Sicilia* (whom *Livy* alſo highly extols) was foretold to be a *King*, by an *Eagle* lighting upon his Shield, when He firſt entred upon the Military Employ.

The *Dove* was accounted *Fortunate* among the Heathen, and Recorded for Bleſſed in Sacred Writ.

But let us ſee what Authors ſay of the candid *Swan*; All eſteem him for a Bird-Royal; and oftentimes, in Coats and Creſts, we meet him either Crown'd, or Coronally Collar'd. I could give ſeveral inſtances; I will only mention that of the Famous Dutchy of *Stormaria*, which the Learned Civilian *Vredus* Blazons thus, *Cygnus argenteus aureâ circa collum coronâ in Solo Cæruleo: Bl.* a *Swan Ar.* Collared with a Crown *Or.* And he was the Badge of ſeveral great *Engliſh* Princes; of which, anon.

Mr. *Guillim* (but indeed Dr. *Barkham*, as Mr. *Fuller* avers in his *Worthies*) ſays, He is a Bird of great Beauty, and Strength alſo; and this is reported of him, That he uſes not his ſtrength to prey or tyrannize over any other Fowl, but only to be revenged of ſuch as offer him wrong: In which caſe, ſays *Ariſtotle*, he often vanquiſhes the *Eagle*.

Pierius ſays, He ſignifies Purity of Mind; nay, *Apollo* himſelf.

Now in antient time he was conſecrated to *Apollo*, *Apollo* ſignifying nothing elſe but the *Sun*, which is *Oculus & Lux Mundi*, *Gen.* 1. 16, 17, 18. *Apollo* is ſometimes called *Liber Pater*, a Liberal Father, (the *Latin* word bears that ſenſe as well as others) and that is confirmed, *Deut.* 33. 14. Aſtrologers term him, *Rex Planetarum*, and ſays, He gives Rule, Riches, and Honour, (is Significator of Emperors, Kings, Princes, *&c.*) The *Swan* is the Bird of the *Sun*, and alſo of his *Royal Highneſs*.

Martianus ſays, Shipmen take it for good luck, if in Peril of Shipwrack they meet *Swans*. I hope the Attendance of theſe *Swans* (the Matter in hand) forebodes his *Royal Highneſs*'s happy Deliverance from all his ſtormy, tempeſtuous, vexatious Troubles.

Let us ſee what brave Princes have uſed this happy Bird (commended by St. *Ambroſe*) for their Cognizance.

Firſt, *Edward* 3. (a brave Prince as ever was, and concern'd in the Auſpicious Fate of 14*th. Octob.*) uſed it at a Tournament, being embroider'd on his Shield and Surcoat, with this Motto,

Mr. *Aſhmole* his *Garter*, 885. } *Hay, hay, the Wyth Swan;*
By God's Soul, I am thy Man.

Secondly, *Thomas* of *Woodſtock*, Duke of *Glouceſter*, uſed it continually; *John Gower*, that Famous Poet, much bewails the Murder of that excellent Prince; Stiling him, *Cygnus de corde Benignus*, oftentimes giving him the Epithet of *Swan*. *See Weaver*, 638.

A *Swan*, with a Coronet about his Neck, was one of the Supporters to King *Hen.* 4. (as Mr. *Sandford* in his *Gen. Hiſtory*, 258.) A Prince of ſingular Valour and Clemency; for he refuſed not the Duel with *Tho. Mowbray*, Duke of *Norfolk*, (ſee *Stow*, *Anno* 1378.) And Secondly, He pardon'd *Owen Glendowrdy*, that had ſo damnably plagu'd him; (ſee *Stow*, *Anno* 1401, 1402. *Bis.* 1403, 1404, 1405, &c.) at the requeſt only of *David Holbech*, Eſq; that was but a Servant of his own, and formerly Acquaintance of the ſaid *Owens*, (*ibid.* 1404.)

Certainly he was an Admirable Prince, by that wiſe and honeſt Advice he gave his Son upon his Death-bed, (as *R. Brook*, p. 27) *viz.* To Miniſter the Laws indifferently, To eaſe the Oppreſſed, To beware of Flatterers, Not to defer Juſtice, Nor to be ſparing of Mercy: *Puniſh* (quoth he) *the Oppreſſors of the People, ſo ſhalt thou obtain Favour of God, and Love of thy Subjects; who whilſt they have Wealth, ſo long ſhalt thou have Obedience; but being made poor by Oppreſſions, will be ever ready for Rebellion.* But let me not forget, that before he came to be *King*, the *Swan* was his Badge, and was imbroider'd upon his Capariſons, when he entred the Liſts aforeſaid, againſt the Famous *Duke* his Adverſary, (as a Mss. given to the Heralds Office, by Sir *William Dudg.* Garter.

The *Seal* of *Cicely Nevil* Dutcheſs of *York*, (a little Woman, but Famous among our Writers, for her great Spirit) was ſupported by a *Swan*; (ſee Mr. *Sandford Lancaſt. Herald*, p. 352.) She was Mother to *Edw.* the *Fourth*, and *Rich.* the *Third*, as alſo to *George*, Duke of *Clarence*, (Princes of great Valour and Wit) She ſaw firſt her Husband, and third Son ſlain. Secondly, She ſaw the two Princes, her Grand-children, Murder'd (by their own Uncle, and *her Son.*) Thirdly, She ſaw her ſaid Son alſo ſlain. Yet bearing all theſe *Crevecoeurs* with a moſt even and invincible mind, ſhe lived to the 11th. of *Hen.* 7th. admirably making good *Mala ſunt ſuperanda ferendo.*

Ladiſlaus, King of *Jeruſalem*, *Sicilie*, *Hungaria*, and many other Provinces, had for his Deviſe a *Swan* treading under his Feet, and biting an *Eagle*; with theſe words, *Inculpata tutela*: And agrees with what *Ariſtotle* aſſerts, (by me before

fore mention'd) concerning the Bravery of this Bird. The *Genealogick History* of *France*, recites Two Epitaphs for their Magnanimous *King*; and mentions another, made by the Famous *Italian Poet*, *Sannazara*, greatly to his Commendation.

And such as these were the Princes of the *SWAN*.

There was an Order of *Knight-hood* of the *Swan* in *Cleveland*, (as sayes *Favine*) who also affirms, the Princes of that House have ever borne that beautiful and generous Bird for their Devise, Crest and Supporters.

Richard de *Vassebourgh*, in his Antiquities of *Belgia*, makes mention of the Antient Knights of the *Swan*, instituted by one *Silvius Brabon*, (of whom, as some hold, *Brabant* took the Name) giving them this Bird for an *Hieroglyphick* of the Love and Concord he would have among 'em; *Amoris & unionis Symbolum*, &c.

I need make but little Comment upon what hath been said. I have hinted before, the generous Nature of the *Swan*, being like that of the *Heroick Lyon*; and he cannot but be the *Duke*'s Bird. My Advice is:

Desistant Rana torvum irritare Leonem.

The Lyon is by Nature kind, though bold,
If that the Beasts themselves in duty hold.

Cygnus de Corde Benignus.

Ovid, *lib.* 2. tells us, That *Cycnus*, King of *Liguria*, grieving for his Kinsman *Phaeton*, was turned into a *Swan*; a Royal Bird then. And he describes his Nature thus;

Stagna petit, patulosq; lacus, ignemq, perosus.
Quæ colat elegit contraria flumina flammis.

Rivers and spreading Lakes are his Delight,
Which are to Flames and Fires quite opposite.

This Great *Duke* hath been Lord High Admiral of *Arragon*, and also of *England*, (*Maximus Marinus Maria petens*) hath had great Command upon the vast Lake of the World, (*viz.* the Sea.)

He hath been *Immensi* * *Tremor Oceani*, (as Sir *Tho. Higgens*, in his Excellent Ode, which henceforth I shall call *Swan-Song*, (imitating *Leland.*) { * *Ashm.* p. 119.

And as to that damned Reflexion, impos'd upon the World by a late Knave, (*Septemb.* 5. 1679. *Romes Packet*) this Poet, by a Divine, Prævious Inspiration, long since hath foretold the contrary. And the Divine Providence will in due time, (as in the Case of *Joseph* and *Susanna*) confound the Faces of impudent and seditious Detractors.

A later Motto (of *King Charles* of Blessed Memory) as upon His Royal Pourtraicture in his Book, and in several Churches may appear, was *Clarior e Tenebris*. Even so his most Illustrious Son, *e tenebrosis Calumniarum Cimmeriis, clarissimus, purissimus, ac Columba innocentissimus (ad instar Cycni candidissimus) olim orietur.* Out of the black and dark Sullies of ignominious Calumniations, he shall arise clear as the *Sun*, innocent as the *Dove*, white as the candid *Swan*.

In my *Flagellum Mercurii Antiducalis*, I mention'd the evil Spirit that we read of, *Judges* 9. And I now add, His *Royal* Highness's condition, at present, is like the Kingly *David*'s (so much celebrated by the excellent Marquess *Virgilio Malvezzi*) 1 *Sam. chap.* 30. *vers.* 6 *The People*, &c. But he comforts himself in the Lord his God, *Acquiescat & videbit salutem Domini*, Isa. 52. 10. According to the Reverse and Anagram of His Title *Torc*, being *Croy* in *French*, id est, *Credo*: I believe, *&c.*

Flebile principium melior fortuna sequetur. { *Ovid.* lib. 7. fab. 10.

Since I had finisht this, I heard of the Artillery's Solemn and Cordial invitation to His Royal Highness, to congratulate his happy Return—The *Duke* was usherd into the World with Medals, intimating the very Circumstance——*Mille Cohortes*, (see Mr. *Sandford*, p. 562.

Neither am I now such an impertinent Wizzard, as *Rome*'s Packet, *September*. 5. 1679. would make me; for I averr'd, the *Duke's* Return would be accompanied with Joy and Feasting.

And it seems, the Artillery Cohort begins it.

* *Lore*, an Old *English* Word, and Signifies Instruction, Advice, or Document.

Great Duke, *Thee safely home return'd we see,*
Feastings and gladsome Healths intended be.
The Military Band make first their fair Address,
The Senators and Citizens must do no less.
Their Swans *have shewn them what they ought to do;*
They are Apollo's *Birds, their* * Lore *is true.*

In my *Fatality*, I would have mention'd the good Omen of the Medal and Motto, (for I have it in my Notes) but I was afraid the capricious, malicious, Anti-Monarchical Crew, would have made malevolent Reflexions upon it, as tending to a standing Army, and Gladiatory Government.

But Providentially this Auspicious Invitation intervening, I become bold, and daring to Publish it.

And so much for the Welcome *SWANS*.

P. 72. of the *Weekly Packet*, or *Advice from* Rome, Printed 1679. There's a scurrilous Reflection made upon the *Day-Fatality*, and Blaspheming His Royal Highness, *viz. In the mean time, let that impertinent Wizzard read and apply,* 1 Kings 22. 22, 28 *Verses.* The Author of the said *Fatality* replyed; *I shall then (and not before) prove an impertinent Coxcombe, when such as you come to have the Rule of That Providence, that attends His Royal Highness; and will then apply to my self your* 1 Kings, &c. (See *The Touch of the Times.*) Now, what Providence that is, that attends His *Royal Highness*, can by no means be better understood, but by his late *Miraculous Deliverance*; and (since that) His, and His Dutchess safe Arrival, and by Sea too: His *Highness* no what dismay'd by the former peril.

At contra audentior ito;
Confisusq; Deo; Scit quod sibi militat Æquor.
Et Conjurati Veniunt ad Classica Venti.

But on He Bravely goes.
He trusts in *God*, who makes the *Sea* His Friend;
And *Winds* Conduct Him to His Journey's End.

Page the Seventh, fore-going, I have spoken something of the *Dove*; but was very short, as to that Blessed Bird: But forasmuch as very many took notice, That at His now MAJESTY's Proclamation, at the very instant when it was performed at the *Royal Exchange*, a great number of 'um were there flocked together. I cannot omit what *Jacobus Capellanus* (quoted by *Ferne*, *pag.* 236.) says of it, *viz.* 'Tis *the Emblem of Gratitude.*] Nor be silent in what Monsieur *Segoigne* (in his *Traitte des Armoiries*, *pag.* 39.) averrs: Says he; *C' est l' Image de l' Humanite & Douceur*; The Image of Courtesie and Sweetness.

As for the *Gratitude* and *Courtesie* of His Majesty, He was always highly commended for it, whil'st yet only DUKE: What may we expect of Him, now a KING, less than what *Calius* (*Lib.* 7.) says of *Alexander the Great*; and *Panormitane*, of *Alphonsus*, King of *Arragon* and *Sicily*; *A nemine unquam Gratitudine & Officio se vinci passus est?* He never suffer'd himself to be out-done in Gratitude, and Good Turns. (*Panorm. l.* 1. *de dictis & factis Alphonsi.*) Luckily Presag'd by this Columbal Concourse, or Flocking together of *Doves*: But He must be used like the Herb *Basill*; of which *Heylyn* tells you a notable Story, in his Description of *Genoa*; and I have Moraliz'd in the First *English Distich* of the *Page* preceding.

FINIS.